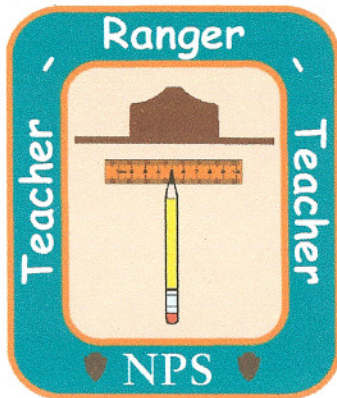


Petrified Forest

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Petrified Forest National Park
Arizona



Application for the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program Petrified Forest National Park

Application Deadline is February 25, 2008

The intent of the Teacher to Ranger to Teacher program is to provide a well-rounded experience for a teacher in national parks as a park ranger. From this experience the teacher will develop National Park Service (NPS) materials to be shared with students in the classroom and other educators in the school district. The program will focus on teachers from schools that have diverse student populations.

Name:

Home Address:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number (if it is OK to contact you using this number):

Email (most frequently used):

Your School District:

District Superintendent:

District Office Phone Number:

Your School:

School Principal:

School Address:

School Phone Number:

Grade level and courses you taught last year, this year, and in the coming year:

The following questions relate to specific Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Responsibilities.

1. Can you commit to 8 weeks of employment between June and August? *(Since this position is only 8 weeks, requests for leave are not generally granted.)*
2. If you require park housing, are you agreeable to living in provided housing with 1-3 housemates?
3. Are you willing to work with the general public, answering their orientation and resource questions to the best of your ability?
4. Are you willing to wear the complete NPS uniform while working in the park and again in the classroom during National Park Week, April 19-26, 2008?
5. Are you willing to do presentations about the NPS for your students, fellow teachers, and/or in other district schools?
6. Are you willing to develop, by the end of the summer, at least one activity to use in the classroom?
7. Are you willing to work with the park Education Specialist to develop curriculum-based materials for the park?
8. Are you willing to write, at the end of the summer, at least one newspaper or newsletter article or research paper?
9. Are you willing to document your NPS experience with at least 20 photos, some in uniform (both in the park and the classroom), and some in civilian clothes in the classroom?
10. Are you willing to adhere to all park policies?

Please attach no more than one page per answer to each of the questions below.

1. What is the percentage of diverse populations at your school? *(Give specific factors such as state testing results related to underachievement, special education, and staffing. This could also be based on the School Lunch program or other factors. Describe if needed.)*
2. Have you developed or helped to develop curriculum-based materials? If so, please describe, including grade levels and how material was used.
3. What kinds of activities do you foresee developing from your park ranger experience that could be of interest to your students in the classroom? How would you incorporate these activities into your lessons?
4. Do you have any knowledge of or experience in teaching about paleontology, geology, archeology, and/or other resources found at Petrified Forest National Park? Please provide specific examples. *(For information about Petrified Forest National Park, visit www.nps.gov/pefo.)*
5. Why do you want to be a park ranger for the summer and what do you imagine the experience will be like?
6. Please provide the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of three references. Indicate your relationship with the references (for example, a fellow teacher, supervisor, head of department, friend, etc.) and the best time and method to use (phone or email) for contacting them.
7. Please attach a letter of support from your principal referencing that she/he is aware of the responsibilities of a teacher selected for the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program and will support your work.
8. If selected for a Teacher-Ranger-Teacher position, an Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement (IPA) must be set up between the NPS and your school district. If your school district already has an IPA with the NPS, **please provide a copy**. If an IPA needs to be set up, please indicate if you would like to personally discuss the program with the district superintendent or if you would prefer the park to do so.

If you need the park to contact your principal and/or district superintendent to discuss the benefits and requirements of the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program, please contact Marge Post at (928) 524-6228 ext. 264 or at marge_post@nps.gov.

Applications must be postmarked no later than February 25, 2008.

Send all application materials to:

Marge Post, Education Specialist
Petrified Forest National Park
PO Box 2217
Petrified Forest, AZ 86028

or by email to: marge_post@nps.gov

If submitting your application electronically, please provide materials as attachments, preferably as Microsoft Word documents.

or by fax to: (928) 524-3567

If submitting your application by fax, please provide a cover page with "Attn: Marge Post" clearly indicated and the number of pages to follow.